

### News of Anita Michalovskis – Former SEARHC WIC Coordinator

We have lost one of our own. Many of you may not remember Anita, but I wanted to let everyone know that she passed away Father's Day weekend after a very short but valiant fight against a rare disease called amyloidosis that suddenly appeared at the beginning of this year. I talked with her just a few weeks ago; she was upbeat, making jokes and laughing; she sounded ready for the long fight. That was not to be.



Anita and I were friends first and then became job-share partners sharing the Nutrition Educator position for the SEARHC WIC Program back in the 1980's. After I left to raise my family, she stayed on and was promoted to WIC Coordinator at SEARHC. During that time, she took a leave of absence to complete her internship in dietetics in Boston. She came back and served WIC and SEARHC with passion and commitment for 10 more years. She also served as the Alaska Dietetic Association's president for 1 term and was instrumental in making licensure for dietitians a reality in Alaska.

She left Alaska in 2001 for California where she worked as a consulting dietitian in many long term care facilities.

Anita was very close to her parents, and her Latvian heritage was important to her. Her Dad passed away in recent years, so Anita's passing will be especially hard for her Mom. If you'd like to write her, here is her address:

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Anita loved to travel and fish and had a real zest for life. When I first met Anita, she told me the way to remember her last name – "Michael loves to kiss." I've never forgotten it, and I'll never forget Anita.